

# NEBOSH Diploma

## Prior Learning Requirements

### Introduction

This guidance pack has been designed for those wishing to enrol on the NEBOSH Diploma, but who **do not have** a formal entry qualification such as the NEBOSH Certificate or equivalent. The pack is designed to allow you to assess your suitability for direct entry onto the NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety. You may decide it would be more appropriate for you to start with one of the NEBOSH Certificate courses.

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The NEBOSH Diploma is a demanding programme that assumes a certain level of knowledge is in place when students start the course. If you do not have this knowledge you will find it very difficult to succeed with the Diploma. As such, it is in your interests to be realistic in assessing your current knowledge.

**If you have achieved a NEBOSH Certificate, there is no need to complete this pack. Simply attach a copy of your NEBOSH Certificate to your completed Enrolment Form and return it to RRC.**

If you have not achieved a NEBOSH Certificate, you will need to review the Level 3 knowledge outlined in the following pages and confirm that you have an understanding of the topics covered. **It is vital that you are honest in your assessment of whether or not you have this knowledge. The knowledge covered in the NEBOSH Certificate courses, although touched on to some extent, is not taught in depth in the Diploma but will be examinable in the Diploma. Therefore, if you do not enter the programme with a sufficient level of knowledge, you are likely to struggle throughout the programme.**

If, having reviewed this pack, you are confident that you have the required underpinning knowledge for the relevant qualification, complete the Prior Learning Requirements Confirmation at the end of this pack and return to RRC with your enrolment form.

## Level 3 Learning Outcomes

The following table outlines the key course content for the current NEBOSH General Certificate (a Level 3 qualification). You need to ensure that you have sufficient knowledge in the specified areas.

Management of Health and Safety	
ELEMENT	LEVEL 3 KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS
<p>1</p> <p><b>Foundations in Health and Safety</b></p>	<p>The scope and nature of occupational health and safety.</p> <p>The moral, social and financial reasons for promoting good standards of health and safety in the workplace.</p> <p>The legal framework for the regulation of health and safety including sources and types of law (UK National Diploma students only).</p> <p>The role of national governments and international bodies in the regulation of health and safety (International Diploma students only)</p> <p>The scope, duties and offences of employers, managers, employees and others under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (UK National Diploma students only).</p> <p>The legal and organisational health and safety roles and responsibilities of clients and their contractors (UK National Diploma students only)..</p>
<p>2</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Management Systems - Plan</b></p>	<p>The key elements of a health and safety management system.</p> <p>The purpose and importance of setting policy for health and safety.</p> <p>The key features and appropriate content of an effective health and safety policy.</p>
<p>3</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Management Systems - Do</b></p>	<p>The organisational health and safety roles and responsibilities of directors, managers and others.</p> <p>The concept of health and safety culture.</p> <p>The human factors which influence health and safety behaviour.</p> <p>How health and safety behaviour at work can be improved.</p> <p>The principles and practice of risk assessment.</p> <p>Principles of controlling risks.</p> <p>Identifying the sources of information on health and safety.</p> <p>Developing safe systems of work.</p> <p>Permit-to-work procedures.</p> <p>Emergency procedures.</p> <p>First aid provision in the workplace.</p>
<p>4</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Management Systems - Check</b></p>	<p>The various forms of active and reactive monitoring</p> <p>The procedures to follow when investigating incidents</p> <p>The requirements for Recording and Reporting Incidents.</p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety Management Systems – Act</b></p>	<p>Auditing.</p> <p>Reviewing Health and Safety Performance.</p>

Controlling Workplace Hazards	
ELEMENT	LEVEL 3 KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS
<b>1</b> <b>Workplace Hazards and Risk Control</b>	Health, welfare and work environment Requirements. Dealing with violence at work. Dealing with substance misuse at work. Managing the safe movement of people in the workplace. Safe measures for working at height. The control measures for dealing with temporary works
<b>2</b> <b>Transport Hazards and Risk Control</b>	Managing the safe movement of vehicles in the workplace. The issues of driving a vehicle on a public highway for work.
<b>3</b> <b>Musculoskeletal Hazards and Risk Control</b>	Work processes and practices that may give rise to work-related upper limb disorders and appropriate control measures. Assessment and control of Manual handling risk. Hazards and precautions of manually operated handling equipment. Hazards and precautions for powered load handling equipment.
<b>4</b> <b>Work Equipment Hazards and Risk Control</b>	General requirements for work equipment. The hazards and controls for hand-held tools. The main mechanical and non-mechanical hazards of machinery. The main control measures for reducing risk from machinery hazards.
<b>5</b> <b>Electrical Safety</b>	The principles, hazards and risks associated with the use of electricity in the workplace. The control measures that should be taken when working with electrical systems or using electrical equipment in normal workplace conditions.
<b>6</b> <b>Fire Safety</b>	The principles of fire initiation, classification and spread. The principles of fire risk assessment. The basic principles of fire prevention and the prevention of fire spread in buildings. The appropriate fire alarm system and fire-fighting equipment for a simple workplace. The factors which should be considered when implementing a successful evacuation of a workplace in the event of a fire.

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Controlling Workplace Hazards (Continued)	
ELEMENT	LEVEL 3 KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS
<b>7</b> <b>Chemical and Biological Health Hazards and Control</b>	<p>The forms of, the classification of, and the health risks from exposure to, hazardous substances.</p> <p>Assessment of health risks from hazardous substances.</p> <p>The use and limitations of occupational exposure limits.</p> <p>Control measures for hazardous substances.</p> <p>The basic requirements related to the safe handling and storage of waste.</p>
<b>8</b> <b>Physical and Psychological Health Hazards and Risk Control</b>	<p>The health effects associated with exposure to noise and appropriate control measures.</p> <p>The health effects associated with exposure to vibration and appropriate control measures.</p> <p>The health effects associated with ionising and non-ionising radiation and appropriate control measures.</p> <p>The causes and effects of stress at work and appropriate control measures.</p>

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## Prior Learning Requirements Confirmation

I confirm that I have carefully reviewed the knowledge requirements laid out in this document and am confident that I have the underpinning knowledge required to undertake the NEBOSH Diploma.

I understand that the knowledge covered in the NEBOSH Certificate will not be covered in depth during my Diploma studies but will be examinable in the Diploma assessment and that it will be my responsibility to complete additional study in the event of any gaps in my knowledge.

I also understand that if I'm accepted on the programme having given false information and consequently have difficulties, it will be my responsibility to seek and pay for any additional support.

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**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....

When completed, please return this form with your enrolment form to RRC at the address below, with any supporting certificates or documents that will assist us in processing your application.

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